

2026 | PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS

WEEKEND NOTES

Transportation to and from Campus

The Office of Admission has arranged airport transportation for students traveling alone through 5 Guys Transportation. Your check-in packet includes the departure time for your return trip to the airport, which will depart from the Haverty Center. It is critical that you are aware of and adhere to the departure times and locations from campus.

Luggage Storage

You may securely store your luggage in the Murphy Recreation Center on Friday until you meet your overnight host. Please return your luggage to your vehicle on Saturday morning. If you are traveling alone, you may securely store your luggage in the Murphy Recreation Center until after the Scholars Luncheon. All luggage must be claimed by 3:00 PM on Saturday.

Student Overnight Accommodations

Students who have requested to stay overnight in a residence hall may meet their overnight hosts in the Murphy Recreation Center Gym at 8:00 PM on Friday evening.

Campus Security

You can reach campus security at 913-360-8888 if you have an emergency, are locked out of your vehicle, or need a jump start.

Parking

Feel free to park in any parking area on campus.



Meals

All meals for students and guests are complimentary. Meal tickets will be provided at check-in for lunch in the Dining Hall on Friday. Meal tickets are not required for the Presidential Scholars Dinner on Friday, the continental breakfast served Saturday, or the Presidential Scholars Luncheon served in the Dining Hall at the conclusion of Saturday's event.

Parents and Guests

Join us for a coffee reception on Friday evening in the Haverty Center. Parents and guests are also invited to join us for the welcome breakfast on Saturday. Following breakfast, students will begin the competition and parents will enjoy a variety of presentations geared especially for parents and guests. Tours and Mass will be available, and the Raven Store and Holy Grounds will be open.

Results

We intend to announce the results of the competition in April, seven weeks after the second competition date. Students will receive both a phone call and a letter informing them of the results.

PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENTS

For Mass, Confession, and Adoration times throughout the weekend, visit:

<https://www.benedictine.edu/faith-life/sacramental>

Day Schedule

Students and families are welcome to participate in all available activities, unless otherwise noted.

11:00 AM

Check-in (Music Auditions and Homeschool Lunch only)
Murphy Recreation Center

11:00 AM – 1:30 PM

Lunch is Available
Dining Hall

11:00 AM – 12:45 PM

Homeschool Student Lunch
Dining Hall

11:45 AM

Music Audition Overview
Murphy Recreation Center

Music Auditions

Bishop Fink Hall and
St. John Paul II Student Center

12:00 PM

Check-in (Non-music)
Murphy Recreation Center

12:10 PM

Mass
St. Benedict's Abbey Church
(Optional)

12:45 PM

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Murphy Recreation Center

1:00 PM

Walking Tour of Campus
Departs from the
Murphy Recreation Center
(Optional)

2:00 PM

Walking Tour of Campus
Departs from the
Murphy Recreation Center
(Optional)

2:15 PM

**Community, Faith,
and Scholarship**
Murphy Recreation Center

3:00 PM

Academic Overview
Murphy Recreation Center

4:00 PM

Academic Open House
Various Locations

5:00 PM

Meet your Admission Counselor
Murphy Recreation Center
This is a brief opportunity to introduce yourself to your admission counselor and ask questions. No formal session will be held.

5:00 PM & 5:30 PM

Tour of Residence Halls
Departs from the atrium of the
Murphy Recreation Center

Evening Schedule

3:45 – 5:00 PM

Confession (Optional)
St. Benedict's Abbey Church

5:30 PM

Scholars Mass (Optional)
St. Benedict's Abbey Church

6:45 PM

Presidential Scholars Dinner
Dining Hall

8:00 – 10:00 PM

Parent Coffee
Haverty Center, Raven Roost

8:30 – 10:00 PM

**Student Event sponsored
by Residence Life**
St. John Paul II Student Center,
O'Malley-McAllister Auditorium

8:00 PM

Meet your Overnight Host
Murphy Recreation Center
Following the Scholars Dinner, students who are spending the night will meet their overnight hosts in the Murphy Recreation Center to gather luggage and be escorted to their residence halls.

Competition

- Each student participant will receive an individual schedule with a group number at check-in.
- Students and families will begin the day together. The competition portion for students will begin at 10:30 AM.
- A separate program is planned for parents and guests.

Morning Schedule

8:00 – 9:15 AM

Check-in for Student Participants
Murphy Recreation Center

9:30 AM

Opening Remarks
Murphy Recreation Center

Student Schedule

10:15 AM

Group Dismissal for Students

10:30 AM – 2:15 PM

Interview
Ferrell Academic Center &
St. Benedict Hall

Essay
Westerman Hall,
Murphy McPhee Auditorium

Get to Know Your Group
Ferrell Academic Center,
McAllister Boardroom

Current Student Q&A
St. Benedict Hall,
Mabee Theatre

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Presidential Scholars Luncheon
Dining Hall

Parent Schedule

10:30 AM

St. Benedict's Abbey Tour
Departs from the Murphy
Recreation Center

11:15 AM

A Conversation with the Dean
Murphy Recreation Center

11:45 PM

Financial Aid and Scholarships
Murphy Recreation Center

12:30 PM

Student Panel
Murphy Recreation Center

1:30 PM

Walking Tour of Campus
Departs from the
Murphy Recreation Center

2:30 – 3:30 PM

Presidential Scholars Luncheon
Dining Hall



Optional Activities

7:30 AM

Rosary with President Minnis
St. Benedict's Abbey,
Guadalupe Chapel

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Breakfast
Dining Hall

2:15 – 3:15 PM

Residence Hall Viewing
Departs from the Dining Hall.
Parents, guests, and students
are welcome.

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Confession
St. Benedict Parish Church

5:00 PM

Mass
St. Benedict Parish Church